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Attention: Eric Gillies

Re: Comments on DEIR PRC 421 Recommissioning Project

The Coastal Data Information Program (CDIP), located at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, would like to recommend that Veneco participate in the operational costs for four directional wave buoys in the existing network. These four wave buoys are used in combination to nowcast and forecast wave conditions at and around Platform Holly: Harvest, San Nicolas, Goleta and Anacapa Passage.

The CDIP program, funded by the California Department of Boating and Waterways and the United States Army Corps of Engineers, disseminates in real-time wave observations and models on their website at <http://cdip.ucsd.edu>. The information is also transmitted to the National Weather Service for broadcast on their Marine Weather Channel. The best investment Veneco can make for wave monitoring, assuring operational safety and timely spill response is to support the buoy network in the region around the platform. Considering the increase of production volume, and the potential increase in spill volume, the continued operation of these buoys will promote rapid and effective response. These buoys will also support monitoring operational conditions during any re-construction phases of existing infra-structure. The buoy network can provide both site-specific and regional wave information for the platform operators and spill management teams.

There is no guarantee this network will remain in place unless future support is acquired. We feel a long-term commitment to support ocean monitoring in the operating region is crucial.

Thank you for your consideration.
Regards,
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